

## SPORTS

Views From

## THE PRESSBOX

By, Ricky Mularz Editor

I got my wife and baby girl out of the hospital Sunday and can now get my mind back on Sports; the only problem is that it's AEA week and all the schools are closed. Oh well, maybe I can look through my desk and find something to write about!

## SPIRITS ARE HIGH AT ELBA

I talked with Elba's Coach Mack Wood and a couple of players prior to Friday's scrimmage, and everything seemed to be going fine in Tigertown. Coach Wood said practice is looking good, and coming from Wood, that in itself is a reason for optimism! He wasn't about to get carried away and make any statements concerning the upcoming '83 season; however, he did feel next year's team could be improved over last season's 4-5 squad. A big plus, according to Wood, has been the play of the freshmen up from the junior team. The younger kids aren't about to be content kneeling on the sidelines, and Wood said they are pushing the veterans for their positions. This competition in practice will help the team get better and better.

The players are all fired up and looking forward to the season. At the scrimmage Friday there was a lot of spirit and enthusiasm, not to mention hitting, and every player dressed out got in on the action. Team morale is high, and if it will carry on into the weight room after spring training, next season could be one to watch.

## GAMECOCK PRIDE IS ALIVE AND WELL

New Brockton's football program may be young, but it is alive and well, thanks in part to its very active "Athletic Club," which is as good as any in the state. The club holds numerous fund-raising events during the year, sponsors Little League football, operates a concession stand and looks for projects to work at. The club's latest project is to construct a field house in the endzone of the stadium. The facility, which will cost an estimated \$50,000 to build, will include a large lobby, a dressing room, a weight room, a coach's office and a room in which to view films. It sounds like a major venture and it is - but if they say they're going to build it, you better believe 'em!

I went over to New Brockton last Thursday to watch spring practice, but it was "snowed in" and the players stayed in and hit the weights. New Brockton may be the smallest 2A school in the state; however, the players work as hard as anybody and look pretty tough to me.

## KEN ENGLISH AT IT AGAIN!

New Hope's Coach Ken English, a man of many talents, created quite a stir last year with his "Bear Bryant" plaque, and now he has outdone himself by constructing a "revised" Mt. Rushmore. The large sculpture looks exactly like the national monument, except it also includes the face of late Coach Bear Bryant. The sculpture is really something to see and it is a must-see for all Alabama fans to own. I plan on doing a story about English and his creation next week, but if you want one now, just call him up. He'll be glad to make you one.

## TIME TO WATCH THAT WAISTLINE

Now that basketball season is over and there is nowhere to go at night, I'll have to watch that ole waistline. I don't eat very much when I'm busy, but when I'm sitting around the house I just think about how hungry I am and eat constantly. There are two events coming up that'll get me out of the house (and kitchen); however, both are banquets, and one is at a steak house, while the other at a popular seafood restaurant. Time to pull out the jogging shoes!

## GREENVILLE RULES THE ROOST IN MARIANNA

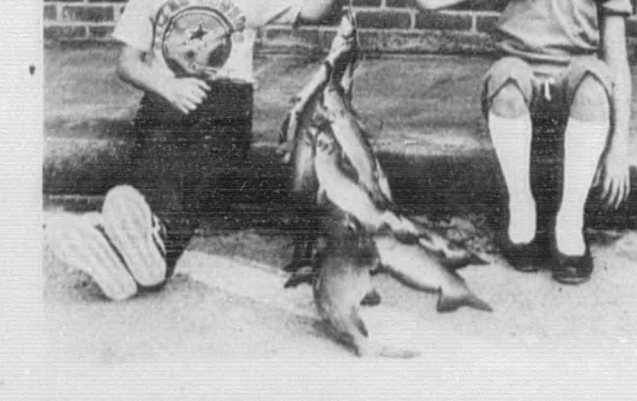
A lot of people (myself included) thought Greenville had gone a little crazy when they invited Lanier, Atmore and Opp to compete in a jamboree. Well, I never was too smart anyway! Greenville, a rebuilding team after losing 18 starters, defeated both Opp and Lanier and are just as good as ever. Just ask the 4A folks from Montgomery.

## WAYNE PURVIS RESIGNS POST AT MARIANNA

Remember Wayne Purvis, the very vocal coach at Coffee Springs who went to Marianna (Florida)? Well, he is now looking for a coaching vacancy after resigning after only two years at the basketball crazy school. Purvis led Marianna to a 23-7 record in his first year, but a young, inexperienced club lost 18 games this season and school officials thought a change was needed. Don't be surprised when you hear he's back in coaching, because he always lands on his feet!

## JUST A LITTLE BRAGGING . . .

I got my little girl out of the hospital Sunday and both she and my wife Kathy are doing fine. I'll admit I was expecting a boy, but after one look I knew this little lady was just what I wanted. I always was a pushover for a pretty girl.



Youngsters Show How It's Done!!!

Lori and Dickie Johnston of Montgomery hold 22 pounds of catfish they caught Monday at the "Funtime Fishing Hole" in Elba. The biggest catfish weighed 6 1/2 pounds. The children are the niece and nephew of Winfred and Betty Padgett of Elba.

## Wood Pleased With Spring Drills

The Elba High Tigers concluded their second week of spring football training last Friday with a game-type scrimmage and Coach Mack Wood continued to be

optimistic when asked to comment on his team's progress. "The second week of practice went real well," stated Wood. "We continued

to work on fundamentals and teamwork, and we did a lot of blocking. We're doing a lot of offensive and defensive work and both groups are improving. The first week the

defense began to take charge in the second week and looked sharp! On offense, we are working on fundamentals, especially blocking. We got most of our plays in last week, so we didn't put in much new stuff in week number two. Our backs are running hard and the passing game is improving. Over on defense we had a real good week, and I mean the entire group. The secondary coverage was good, the returning players did a good job and the young kids began to really come around. It was a standoff at the scrimmage Tuesday, while on Wednesday the offense got whipped.

"So far I'd say we're right on schedule," added Wood. "We worked as much as we'd wanted, the weather has been good and we've had only minor injuries and very little sickness. We should be back at full strength after AEA and be ready to have two good weeks of work. When we come back we'll continue to work on fundamentals, concentrate on our passing game more and work on our kicking game."

Coach Wood stated bright spots in practice thus far have been the play of the offensive and defensive lines, the play of the young players and the attitude of the team.



Elba's Coach Mack Wood talks to players during a time-out

## Three Elba Players Named To All-SAC Basketball Team

The South Alabama All-Conference basketball teams last week and included

on the honored list are three players from Elba High School. The trio included Bobby

## Brockton Concludes

## First Week Of Training

The New Brockton Gamecocks completed one week of spring football practice prior to the AEA holidays, and Coach Leavy Boutwell reports his team is working hard in preparation for their second season as a 2A school.

"We had 38 players out on opening day," stated Boutwell, "but we're down to 33 now. We return seven players on offense and four on defense, so we should have a good bunch."

"At New Brockton we approach spring training as a clinic," added Boutwell. "We want to do nothing but teach fundamentals and make sure our folks know the basics - blocking, tackling and hitting. We want to find out which of our kids have courage! We divide up into groups and do a lot of teaching. We must teach our people how to play the game of football properly and with dignity. Once we make sure we've got everyone in the right position, we work and work on teaching how to play the position correctly. Our

weight program gives us an idea of what position our kids will play, then we go out on the field and teach."

"We don't have any leadership on the team yet," said Boutwell, "and we must have leadership if we're to develop into a good club. The boys aren't excited as in past years, but spring is young yet and maybe it'll pick up as we go on. We'll add a few more players next week and do more scrimmaging; however, we won't let the jamboree enter our plans. We won't have a game plan for the game - we're looking at it as a chance to look at our kids in a game situation and a chance to evaluate their play. We've got a lot of young kids, but they're giving a lot of effort and they'll get better."

The Gamecocks will play Zion Chapel on Thursday, March 31, in the second half of a jamboree. Kinston will meet Coffee Springs in the opening half.

## Abbeville Jaycees To Host Women's Softball

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The Abbeville Jaycees will host their annual Ladies Softball Tournament April 1 and 2 in Abbeville Recreation Complex. It will be a double elimination tournament open to all women's teams, and will be sanctioned by ASA. Entry fee is \$60, plus one restricted flight ball per game. Trophies will be awarded to the top four

finishers. Most Valuable Player, Best Hitter and Best Fielder. Individual trophies will be given to members of an All Tournament team.

For more information or to enter contact Eddie Dodd, 585-2331 or 585-3096; Robert Beasley, 585-3781 or 585-5784; or Harold Land, 585-3797.

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## Elba Chamber Of Commerce To Sponsor Bass Tourney In Pea River

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first Pea River Bass Tournament, Saturday, April 9, \$500.00 in cash prizes to be awarded, along with fishing

## Gamecocks Named To All-SEAC Cage Team

The South East Alabama Conference released its 1983 All-Conference team recently and included on the squad are three members of the New Brockton Gamecocks. Named to the squad were

Coach - Eddie McCarter (Troy)  
Adam Richards (Troy)  
L.K. Hooten (Troy)  
Red Austin (Troy)  
Darrell Thomas (Andy)  
Winston Jackson (Andy)  
Eddie Carter (Pike Co.)  
James Lacey (Opp)  
Bobby Gulley (Elba)  
Steve Wilson (Pike Co.)  
Ken Townsend (Andy)  
Mike Kelley (Troy)

Giris Division  
Coach - Gerald Albricht (Opp)  
Connie Brannon (Opp)  
Shirley Tuck (Troy)  
Jackie Norris (Florida)  
Diane Hall (Elba)  
Suzy Smith (G'gianna)  
Valerie Daniels (Andy)  
Karen Franklin (Straughton)  
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## Elba Mayor Bob English

## Bids On By-Pass Construction To Be Opened Friday By State

Major construction projects in 25 Alabama counties, including grading and drainage of 2,278 miles on the Elba By-Pass, will be up for contractors' bids in Montgomery on Friday, March 25. Other major proposals in the March letting included:

\*\*\*constructing two additional lanes on the Enterprise By-Pass from Alabama #27 West to U.S. #64;  
\*\*\*constructing the bridges and approaches at Choctawhatchee River on U.S. #64 East of Clayhatchee in Dale and Houston Counties;

\*\*\*widening and resurfacing on Alabama #134 from milepost 20.310 near Coffee County Road 65 to milepost 25.800 in Enterprise;  
\*\*\*constructing the bridge and approaches at Flat Creek on Alabama #54, north of Hacoada, in Geneva County;  
\*\*\*widening, resurfacing and traffic stripe on Alabama #27 from Eunola, in Geneva County, north to the Coffee County line.

## Jackson In County Jail Charged With Assault

Willie S. "Billy Boy" Jackson, age 32, of Elba, is being held in the Coffee County Jail under a \$20,000 bond following an assault last week outside a trailer on the Samson Highway.

Jackson, charged with first degree assault, allegedly got into an argument

with Adolph Flowers at Flowers' residence and struck him on the head with a 32-ounce Coke bottle. Flowers was taken to the emergency room at the Elba General Hospital, where he told Elba police officers of the attack. Police then interrogated Jackson, who admitted hitting Flowers.

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## Recreation Bid Accepted

The Elba City Council met Monday night with all present except Councilman Charles Kennett, who was reportedly out of town. Mayor Bob English presided over the hour-long meeting.

The council routinely approved a resolution authorizing Mayor English to sign all documents relating to an application for a federal grant under the Community Development program. The city plans to request funds to rehabilitate sub-standard homes.

Bids were opened on the proposed concession building/pressbox at the new Hawkins-Williams Park. The project will be paid for with \$0-50 federal matching money. There were only four bids submitted after Mayor English declined to submit a bid.

English had previously indicated he was reserving the right to submit a bid and took no part in original discussions on the matter to preserve his right to bid. However, Monday night he

announced he had decided not to bid on the project. However, he noted he had privately given council members the figure he would have submitted if he had bid. He told them they could use that as a guide line to determine if the bids received were "in line." Later he told one of the bidders that his bid was "in between" the two low bidders.

Low bidder on the project was King Construction Company, with a bid of \$39,490. The three other bids ranged upward to \$49,940. The bid request indicated that the successful bidder would have 120 days from time of awarding the bid to completing the structure; however, recreation officials are optimistic that the building will be complete prior to this time.

Councilman Sonny Imman's motion to accept the low bid was accepted by the council after being assured by Recreation Director that all bidders appeared to meet the legal qualifications. However, all bids must be

submitted to Montgomery for final approval before the actual contract can be signed.

A resolution wishing injured Johnny Martin a speedy recovery was unanimously approved by the council. Martin suffered back injuries in a one-vehicle accident recently.

Mayor English gave the council members a four-page budget comparison for the first five months of the fiscal year. It compared projected revenue and expenditures with the actual amounts of income and expense. English cautions council members that some of the figures were misleading because some tax income is seasonal, some expense (recreational, etc.) is seasonal and expense such as fire-fighting pay is uncontrollable, as firemen must respond when there is a fire and not according to a budget.

The income for the first five months was \$557,093 or 49 percent of the amount projected for the year. However, expenses for the same period were \$453,429 or 40 percent of the annual budget.

The actual income was \$85,488 over the 5/12th of the annual projected budget but privilege license and ad valorem taxes have almost completely covered coming into the treasury for the year. However, several annual franchise charges such as cable TV, telephone, natural gas, etc., haven't been received at all and this figures about \$38,000.

Areas that appear to be showing more income than projected include

police fines, gasoline tax, sales tax, garbage and sewer fees.

Building permits issued total only \$99, with the budget for the year showing an anticipated \$1000, while some others are tracking closely with the first of the year projections.

On the expense side of the ledger, actual expenses were \$18,000 below the 5/12th of the annual budget, but this would almost totally be eliminated if the recreational budget was seasonal. This department has spent only \$8500 of its \$60,000 budget at the end of February.

English pointed out that the increase in health insurance was going to show up in the budget but there was nothing they could do to balance this figure. The only department to actually exceed the budget for the first five months was the police department that has been hit with sick leave, men in school that were unexpected, and the cost of new uniforms that will balance out over the year.

Transfer of money to the hospital reserve fund will be done within a few days and this will increase the expense figure and put the entire budget back near projected figures.

The fire department, street department and administration joined the Recreation Department in underspending the budgeted amount.

The city council went into executive session after English announced he had suspended three city employees and needed to present the details of the matter to the members of the council.

## Car Owners Reminded To Purchase Tags

All car owners who have last names beginning with C and E have until March 31 to purchase their 1983 car tags.

A penalty will be applied to all tags purchased delinquenty.



"THIS POLE HAS GOT TO GO" . . . declares Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson. Judge Brunson, an author and noted historian, stated the utility pole "detracts from the historic beauty" of the Courthouse in Elba and vowed he will see the pole moved. The pole has long been a sore spot to Elba residents, who agree the utility pole should be moved.



## Brainstorms

By FERRIN COX

We heard a report last week that a Ft. Rucker helicopter had been fired on from the ground. It was later determined by red-faced Army officials that what the pilot had seen was a youngster playing cowboys and Indians or something like that, and with an... as handle. Needless to say, his ammunition was not strong enough to endanger a high flying copter.

Is he or isn't he running state government? ... is he or isn't he seriously ill? ... is he or isn't he going to resign as governor? ... These are just some of the questions being asked about Governor George Wallace now that he has entered the hospital for the third time since February -- and each time has been for a different problem. We doubt that Wallace will resign; it just isn't his nature nor the nature of those who advise him. We aren't so positive about his health conditions, and this isn't anything new. We openly questioned his physical condition during the campaign but the majority of the people of Alabama showed little concern over this and elected him for a fourth time. Now it is past time to question his health and time to pray for his good health, as we would for anyone else having health problems.

It is shocking that millions of dollars worth of illegal drugs are found in south Alabama ... that is supposed to happen in Miami or New York. However, as long as there is a market for the stuff and the price is even half what authorities estimated at \$150 million-plus, then people are going to try importing it. After all, if they succeed once and quit, they are better off money-wise than most of us will ever be in our lifetime. However, if those with the tendency to smuggle dope had a conscience and would qualify a drug addict for a while, they couldn't sleep for feeling guilty for what they had caused.

An update on Johnny Martin indicates he is progressing better than expected. Johnny was transferred Monday to Spain Rehab Center to begin the long road back. Family members see positive signs in this move, and doctors keep reassuring them that his strong physical condition prior to the back injury is a plus for him. We wish Johnny luck.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency now has a new leader (or an old leader returning to right the ship). William Ruckelshaus is a man of principle and had an unique advantage of being badly needed and was able to set his own ground rules and free himself of the usual trappings of government ... bending at the whim of that mass of "assistants" that now surround presidents. We hope he can shore up the EPA at a time when all we hear about the agency is mismanagement.

The jobless rate is down in Alabama for the month of February. This is a good sign and we hope it continues. However, it has got to go a long way before all those on layoffs have been returned to the payroll. What scares us is the reports that the changing society will cause many people to never be recalled; and there is also concern that some of these are not returnable into jobs paying comparable wages and will be destined to lower paying jobs or worse ... welfare.

Spring is here according to the ol' calendar, but we can't tell if by the ol' thermometer on the wall. It is still a bit chilly around Coffee County, and gardeners are having to cover their tender early tomatoes. It is going to get better we know ... bass fishing will explode soon, as the reports of occasional catches of female bass, full of eggs, are already reaching our ears.

The jobs bills rolling around Washington are gaining speed and some will pass. An expert analyst recently noted that the current jobs bill is just the start, and from now until election the Tip O'Neils, Teddy Kennedys, etc. will be buying votes at the expense of the federal budget. Of course the writer knew it didn't take much mention of the two above to get folks like me upset over the action of those liberals.

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Work is progressing slowly on the park and boat ramp near Kinston. The City of Kinston has received state funds to complete the project and recent grading of the ground in the area has leveled the parking area and removed trees and shrubs from the site.



**STORE CLOSED** ... The Jr. Food Store on Reese Avenue (Kinston Highway) was recently closed by company management. When asked by this newspaper the reason for closing, company representatives stated that the store had not been doing the volume of business they liked for their stores to do and with the addition of gas pumps to their Jr. Food Store on Claxton Avenue, they felt this store would adequately serve the needs of the Elba area.

The Jr. Food chain is owned by the Sunshine Corp., headquartered in Panama City, Florida.

### Bake Sale Set For Saturday In Elba

The Foster Grandparents building near the Piggly Wiggly at the Northwood Plaza Shopping Center. Elba will have a Bake Sale Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the

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An afternoon session is offered at Elba High School. Classes meet from 4 to 6 p.m. each Tuesday from March 22 through May 24.

Interested persons may register at the first class or at any time during the quarter. More information may be obtained by calling 347-2623.

#### Check Blood Pressure On

#### Fridays

Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Fridays at the Coffee County Health Department, beginning April 1. Clinic hours will be 9 til 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Discontinue Flouride Supplements

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that Flouride has again been placed in the Elba water system.

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Some of our patients, we know, have been taking vitamins with Flouride and/or separate Flouride drops. It is our desire that you call to their attention that it would be in their child's best interest if now these additional Flouride supplements, that is in the vitamins, and/or drops be discontinued for those who are on you City water system.

Thank you for your support of this Public Health measure.

Sincerely,  
Joseph W. Herod, Jr., M.D.  
A.R. Pappas, M.D.

### Why Not Also Ban Cars, Guns.....

Mr. Cox:

Regarding your "Brainstorm" March 17, 1983, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I recently sent to Rep. Sasser of Oak. I believe it says it all. May I congratulate you on being able to tell us what is dangerous. While you are banning that "mess" alcohol would you please take care of guns, cars, motorcycles, drugs and please don't forget people as well as these things and millions more kill each day.

Sincerely,

DONNA BOSWELL HORN

"Mr. Sasser: A few comments on your bill:

Taxation penalizes the moderate consumer without inhibiting irresponsible misusers. Experience indicates that programs designed to limit access to a product may well lend an aura of "forbidden fruit" thereby encouraging misuse.

## DEATHS

#### Mrs. Estelle King

Mrs. Estelle King, age 80, of Elba, died Friday, March 18, 1983, in the Elba Nursing Home.

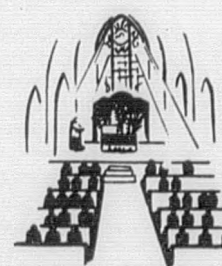
Funeral services were held Monday, March 21, at 10 a.m. from the chapel at Hayes Funeral Home, with the Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Antioch Church Cemetery with Hayes directing.

#### Mrs. Etta B. Crocker

Mrs. Etta B. Crocker, 86, of Elba, died Sunday, March 20, 1983, in the Elba hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 22, at 2 p.m. from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Billy Henderson officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes directing.

Survivors include: two sons: Coley Crocker, Salinas, CA; and Pickens Crocker, Lansing, N.C.; two daughters: Dorothy Daniels, Columbus, GA; one sister: Mary Linda Miller, Enterprise; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.



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Personally Selected USDA Choice Beef

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**TV Frozen From Florida ORANGE JUICE** 12 oz. 93c  
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**Personally Selected Fryer Thighs or DRUMSTICKS** lb. family pack 89c  
**Personally Selected Mixed FRYER PARTS** lb. Cut From USDA Grade A Whole Fryers 69c

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. JOHN CARMICHAEL  
Elba United Methodist Church

## CHRIST OR BARABAS

In the 15th chapter of Mark we have the story of the choice offered to the people by Pilate. He offered to release Jesus Who had been falsely accused or Barabbas who had been arrested for plotting against the government. What took place in Pilate's hall was a most meaningful substitution. BARABBAS was a revolutionary against Rome. Because of his political actions he was endangering the lives of all Jewish people. He was guilty and he was condemned.

JESUS was the victim of a

plot. He was falsely accused and when he appeared before his judges, neither Pilate nor Herod found Him guilty. In fact Pilate was backed in a corner when he sought to honor the past custom of releasing a favored prisoner to the Jews on the occasion of their Passover Festival. He felt surely the people would choose Jesus and thus he would be able to release this man in whom he found no fault. What Pilate had not counted on was the "paid" witnesses the enemies of Jesus had gathered to sway the crowd. When Pilate asked that fateful question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" he was

putting forth a choice that men have had to face through the years. Look more closely at Jesus and Barabbas, and see the contrasts. Barabbas was the son of his earthly father, Jesus was the Son of our heavenly Father. Barabbas was a political messiah, Jesus was our spiritual Messiah. Barabbas offered salvation from Roman bondage. Jesus offered salvation from man's most damnable enemy, SIN. Barabbas offered to save his fellowman by shedding THEIR blood in revolution. JESUS offered to save men by the shedding of HIS blood. Barabbas could not save Israel unless he saved himself. JESUS could only save Israel by GIVING Himself.

Look at the choice the people made as they chose Barabbas over Jesus. They were ill-advised by rabble rousers who had condemned Jesus for political ambitions, but then turned and recommended Barabbas to the crowd for the same reason. Because the people were more concerned for "physical" salvation (freedom from Rome) than Gospel music featuring 1983 Grammy nominees the Rex Nelson Singers, the Dixie Echoes and the Hinsons.

So Barabbas who was condemned to die for his sins against Rome was set free and JESUS took his place and died in his stead. Jesus became a willing SUBSTITUTE for Barabbas, but more than this, He became the SUBSTITUTE for ALL who are condemned in sin. He freely offered Himself that ALL who believe in Him might be SET FREE.

Though Barabbas was set free by Pilate, it was only temporary. He died some time later after all. But when Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and death, we need have no fear or dread, for our freedom can be forever. This Lenten Season calls us to review our choice or to face or choice again. "WHAT WILL WE DO WITH JESUS?" Will we choose Jesus and live, or will we choose the world (Barabbas) and lose?

trust we all will chose JESUS and meet Him and His people at one of HIS Churches this Sunday to let the world where WE stand.

## Big Youth Weekend At First Baptist

There will be a gigantic YOUTH REVIVAL at First Baptist Church this weekend, March 25-27, with services beginning at 7 each night and at 11:00 A.M. Sunday.

First Baptist has been emphasizing their teenagers this week in observance of Youth Week, with the theme being "A Call to Follow."

Terry Harris will be doing the preaching at the revival, and a college revival team from the University of Alabama will be leading the music and fellowship.

Everyone is invited to attend, whether young or old.

First Baptist is located at the corner of Simmons and Polk Streets in Elba. A Church who loves Young People.

## Good Friday Service At Elba Methodist

The Elba Ministerial Association will sponsor a Good Friday service at the Elba United Methodist Church on Friday, April 1, from 12:30 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Each pastor in the Association will be speaking one of the words of Christ from the Cross. There will be music and a time between each speaker when persons can enter and leave. Speakers and topics will be as follows:

12:30 - Word of Concern - Luke 23:34 - Ben Amiong, Zion Chapel Baptist

12:50 - The Word of Compassion - Luke 23:43 - Dr. Pat McFadden, First Baptist

1:15 - The Word of Comfort - John 19:26-27 - John Carmichael, Methodist

1:35 - The Word of Conquest - Matt. 27:46 - Howard Foreman, West

## Revival At New Haven

New Haven Baptist Church will hold revival services Thursday, March 24 through Sunday, March 27. Services will begin at 7 o'clock each night.

Visiting evangelist will be Rev. Billy Sunday from the Damascus Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Championship - John 19:38 - Jim Arbogast, Elba First Assembly

2:15 - The Word of Compassion - John 19:30 - Jim Danford, Taylor Hill Baptist

2:35 - The Word of Comfort - Luke 23:46 - David Richburg, Whitewater Baptist

Everyone is welcome to any part of the service.

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Angela Thames

## Celebrates Birthday

Little Miss Angela Shasta Thames celebrated her fifth birthday on Tuesday, March 15, in her home. Party foods included birthday cake and

## Pilots & Chamber To

## Have Easter Egg Hunt

The third annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 26, at National Security Insurance Company on Highway 84 East, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. There will be five main prizes, as well as free helium balloons for all children. Pictures will be made with the Easter bunny by Dale Moseley.

All children from Toddler through third grade are welcome. There is no

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## 9th Annual Piney

## Woods Festival

## Plans Announced

Plans are now underway for making the Ninth Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival which will be held on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College on Sat. April 16 and Sunday, April 17 one of the best ever. The overall chairperson will be Carol McCrady Koomen with Alex Koomen serving as Business Manager. Many exhibitors from throughout Alabama and neighboring states are expected. Also there will be a return of the popular "fun center" and outstanding entertainment will be provided.

The various committees are already at work to assure the success of the Festival which is sponsored each year by the Coffee County Arts Alliance. The committees are as follows: Publicity - Janet Mounts; Entry - Carol and Alex Koomen; Judge selection - Dr. Richard Snyder; Cash - Ceresa - Mary Jon Sage; Welcome and hospitality - Becky Armstrong; Welcome packets for artists - Marjorie Pittman; Student Art - Jennie Coe; Demonstrations - Charlotte Clark and Janet King; Facilities Set-Up - Stanley Walker and Wayne Griffin; Concessions - Harriet Fritz; Fun Center - Judy Taylor; Entertainment - Jean Bailey; Bake Sales - Joanne Pappas; Lynda Collier, and Betty Cox; Patron Purchases - Jay Porter. The general festival committee consists of Alex and Carol Koomen, Jean Bailey, Karin Murray and Luella Henderson.

The hunt is sponsored by the Pilot Club and Chamber of Commerce. Merchants and banks of Elba donated all prizes.

**Sidney Stevens Celebrates 70th Birthday**

Mr. Sidney Stevens celebrated his 70th birthday Sunday, March 13, with a barbecue dinner. Out-of-town guests included: John and Gladys Mae White, Hattiesburg, MS; Audria and Steven Barker, Dothan; Jimmy D. Evelyn, Jim, Cheri and John Stevens, Huntsville; Alan, Anne, Missy and Jason Boother, Troy; and Milla Boswell, Elba. Guests from the Zion Chapel Community included: Roy Jackson; Ben, Barbara, Jeff, Terri and Bryan Almond; Tullis, Rebecca, Rhonda and Randy Jackson; Annabell Wilkes; Ray, Gale, David and Amy Jackson; Irene and Edward Wilkes; Durl, Shirley, Dennis and Dana Dean; Kelli Sheffield; Tom, June, Tony, Tim and Laura Brown, and Grace Stevens.

The festival was named "Piney Woods" in honor of the name given to early settlers in Coffee County. The name was selected several years ago thru a contest conducted among Coffee County School children with the winning name being submitted by Amy Vaughan, daughter of Coffee County Supt. of Education Johnny Vaughan and Mrs. Vaughan. In case of rainy weather the festival is moved into the Student Center. Various special features will be announced soon.

Board members from Elba include: Dr. Kenneth Strong, Mr. Lamar Rainer, Mrs. Bruno Santa Rosa, and Mrs. Paul E. King. Mrs. King also serves as Secretary.

## SOCIALS



## Miss Tucker Honored With Gift Tea

Miss Shirley Tucker, bride-elect of Mr. Norman Stokes, was honored with a gift tea on Sunday, March 13. The tea was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Young, between the hours of two and half past three in the afternoon. The house was decorated with carnations and daisies, arranged by Mrs. Oscar Vaughan Jr. and Mrs. Jack Vaughan. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Young and welcomed at the registry by Charlotte Adkinson. The receiving line consisted of Miss Tucker, her mother, Mrs. Ed Tucker; mother of the groom-to-be, Mrs. Evelyn Stokes; and her sisters, Mrs. Tina Richardson and Mrs. Janelle Kelso.

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Until Easter.  
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On Wednesdays  
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On The Sq. Elba

## Miss Lewis - Mr. Walker Honored With Parties

The refreshment tables were decorated with spring bouquets and candles and held an array of party foods. The dinner tables were overlaid with embroidered table cloths and were centered with spring bouquets and candles.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Walker Jr., Mr. Steve Walker were honored with a dinner party on March 12 in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Haws of Brantley. Co-hosts for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Haws.

The dinner tables were overlaid with hand-embroidered white table cloths and were centered with hurricane lamps surrounded by pink carnations.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Walker Jr., Mr. Steve Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lewis Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tatum and Mrs. Stan Haws.

Miss Jama Lewis, bride-elect of Steve Walker, was honored with a dinner party on March 17 in the home of Mrs. Tony Brown. Co-hosts for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryan and Melinda Mrs. Tim Bryan.

A lovely spring bouquet was the centerpiece for the refreshment table. The guests were served an array of party foods.

Miss Lewis received a variety of lovely gifts.

**PSI Chapter Of Delta Kappa Gamma Meets**  
The PSI Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Saturday morning, March 12 at Holley's Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Beth Bowdoin.

Mrs. Virginia Sanders gave the invocation. Reports were given by the recording secretary, Mrs. Margaret Hataway, and by the treasurer, Mrs. Rachel Bryan.

Following a brief business session the members enjoyed breakfast and a delightful, entertaining program of music provided by The Renegades. Members of this group include Randal Myers, Mike Lindsey, Ronny Shiver, Lisa and Richard Hider and Ricky Nicholson.

PSI Chapter members present were Sara Tillman, Virginia Sanders, Nancy Brunson, Althea Prescott, Evelyn Hamm, Kathy Lavender, Annal Wilkes, Mary Herbert, Rachel Bryan, Margaret Hataway, Karen Logan, Beth Bowdoin, Melinda and Dorothy June Brown and Elsie Hilton.

**June Brown Honored On Birthday**  
Mrs. June Brown was honored with a surprise birthday supper March 21. Those participating were Tom, Tony, Tim and Laura Brown; Sidney and Grace Stevens; Alan, Anne, Missy and Jason Boother; Durl, Shirley, Dennis and Dana Dean, and Glennie Stoudermire.

**Personal**  
\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Wilson spent A.E.A. holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Melberg in Livingston, Alabama.

**Jan Galloway To Marry**  
Jerry Downing

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Galloway of New Hope announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jan to Jerry Downing of New Hope.

The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downing also of New Hope. Miss Galloway is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rosie Rhodes and the late Mr. John Frank Rhodes of Brundage; and Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Galloway also of Brundage.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Pike County High School, and attended Troy State University. She recently graduated from Riley College in Dothan. She is employed by General Telephone.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Mrs. Jennie Allen of New Hope and late Mr. Aaron Allen and Mr. John Downing of New Hope and the late Mrs. Downing. He is a 1978 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and attended Enterprise State Junior College.

He is currently employed by Southland Brothers. The wedding will be an event of Saturday, March 26, 1983, at 5:30 p.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church.

No invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.



JOSHUA LAWFORD  
**Joshua Lawford Celebrates First Birthday**

Joshua Lawford, son of Betty and Wayne Lawford, celebrated his first birthday March 19, 1983. The theme of his party was "All About Elba." Guests were entertained on the brightly decorated patio. A Choo-Choo Train Cake, ice cream, potato chips, pretzels and punch were served.

Guests attending were: Susan and Kevin Lawford.



**Single Parent Congress To Be Held**

Enterprise State Junior College and the wiregrass Chapter of Parents Without Partners, Inc., an international, non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization, will co-sponsor a Single Parent Congress to be held Saturday, March 26, 11-5 p.m. in Room FA-110 at ESJC.

Dan Plyler, Vice-President of Wiregrass Parents Without Partners, will act as moderator for the seminar. The speakers will include: Dr. Joe Whitton, Director of Outpatient Services, South Central Alabama Mental Health Center; Ailie Price, M.S., Licensed Professional Counselor, Enterprise Medical Clinic; James Weatherford, Attorney; Dr. Bill Montgomery, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Enterprise; Liz Vickers, Director of Juvenile Probation Office, Enterprise.

There is no fee being charged for participation. Even though pre-registration is preferred, it is not required for attendance. No credits will be received for the seminar, but Certificates of Completion will be furnished upon request.

For further information, contact Dr. Mary Bauer, Enterprise State Junior College or Judy Brown at 347-4191.

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## ELBA POLICE DOCKET

The Elba Police Dept. reported a quiet week with a total of only 2 arrests, made for speeding and reckless driving. Following are highlights of last week's police activity:

## ARMED SERVICES REPORT

Private First Class T.R. "Tommy" Tatum, Jr. of the United States Marine Corps has recently completed the Personnel Administrative Disrupting School at the Marine Corps Service Support School on Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

PFC Tatum will report to San Diego, California April 5 for TEMINS sea duty INDOC course for a period of five weeks. Upon completion of this course, he will report for administrative duty aboard the naval aircraft carrier, the Marked USS Ranger, in the Pacific.

**What's Cooking At The Schools?**  
**ELBA MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
March 28 - 31  
Monday  
Pancake w/ syrup  
Sausage  
Milk  
LUNCH  
Hamburger  
Lettuce, Cheese, Onion  
Potato Rounds  
Apple Sauce  
Coke  
Milk  
Tuesday  
Grits  
Bacon  
Toast  
Milk  
LUNCH  
Chili w/beans  
Butter and Jelly  
Sandwich  
Tangerine  
Boiled Cookie  
Wednesday  
Breakfast  
Cereal  
1/2 Orange  
Milk

**ZION CHAPEL MENU**  
Monday  
BREAKFAST  
Pop tart  
Juice  
Milk  
LUNCH  
Pizza, corn on the cob  
Coleslaw  
Milk  
Ice Cream  
Tuesday  
Grits  
Bacon  
Toast  
Milk  
LUNCH  
Waffle, syrup  
Juice  
Milk  
LUNCH  
Beef casserole  
Cheese Slice  
Green Salad  
Milk  
Chocolate Pudding

**Wednesday**  
BREAKFAST  
Cereal  
Milk  
Juice  
LUNCH  
Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle  
Potato Chips  
Applesauce and cookie  
Milk  
Thursday  
BREAKFAST  
Cheese Toast  
Milk  
Juice  
LUNCH  
Chicken and rice  
Field Peas w/ tomato sauce  
Fried Bread  
Pear Salad  
Orange cake  
Milk  
Friday  
HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**  
Activity included a minor wreck at Cook Chevrolet (1:07 p.m.) and a wreck on Herman Driggers Drive (7:26 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**  
Activity included a Rescue Squad run to a home on 166 (8:25 a.m.), the theft of a money bag at the Big R (9:30 a.m.), a Rescue Squad Run to a home on Cedar Lane Drive (12:57 p.m.) and a burglary at a home in the Clark sub-division (8:22 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**  
Activity included the report of a hit and run accident at the TG Y parking lot (3:09 p.m.), electric trouble at a home on Cordelia (3:48 p.m.), and a fight in progress at Powell's Apartments on Addison (8:47 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**  
No report available.  
**MONDAY, MARCH 21**  
A traffic violation was the only activity reported.

**McArthur Tech Honor Roll**  
The honor roll has been announced for the winter quarter at McArthur State Technical College. Those who made all A's from the Elba area are: ELBA . . . Joe Lee, Louis Inman, Dan Wise, Reginald Williams, Tommy Jernigan, Bobby Chapell, Vicky Webster, and Francis Reeves.

Kinston . . . Sandra Wise, Virgil Whigham, Mark Parker, Roger Herring, and David White. Opp . . . Eugene Lee, Marvin Cumble, William Goodson, Maureen Blue, Marilyn Bright, Eddie Bodie, Bennie Fuller, Paul Stiles, Martha Phelps, Raymond Simmons, Retha Simmons, William Grant, Rebecca Brooks, Charles Heard, Donald C. Wilson, Kathy Carter, Robert Carter, Daniel Gantt, Richard Scott and Elisabeth Reeves.

**NURSES PINNED . . .** The Licensed Practical Nurses pinned at the ceremony recently at McArthur State Technical College are: (First row left to right) Sandy Williams, Samson; Laura Stokes, Samson; Dona Kippers, Ozark; Shirley Owens, Opp; Judy Barrett, Enterprise; Margie Sausen, Kinston; Peggy Cullina, Enterprise; Felisha Wages, Andalusia; Towanda

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## Can You Name These Miss Elba's?

The four young ladies pictured have had the privilege of being the Miss Elba Representative at one of the Annual Peanut Festivals held in Dothan each Fall. For the past 25 years the Elba Lions Club has sponsored the Annual Miss Elba Pageant and her participation in the Peanut Festival. If you can identify the four pictures

with names and the years they reigned as Miss Elba you can win a free pass to this year's pageant scheduled for April 7 at the high school Auditorium. The first person to call 897-2783 with the proper identification will be declared this week's winner.

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**Thank You**  
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already busy in preparing for the program which is being conducted by Mrs. Mary Young. The pageant this year promises to be one of the best and largest ever held. As a special feature, all past Miss Elbas are invited to attend as guests of the Elba Lions Club and will be spotlighted during the program.

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# Sports

Views From

## THE PRESSBOX

By, Ricky Mularz Editor

I was dreading the AEA holidays because I couldn't imagine what we'd do for sports with all the schools closed. Well, the holidays did slow down things a little, but I found time to clean out my desk and even wrote a feature I'd been thinking about for over a year. Guess it wasn't so bad after all!

### SPRING TRAINING AT ELBA HIGH

The Elba Tigers got back to work Monday, and everyone continues to be excited about the progress being made. Coach Wood and his staff are putting in a lot of long hours of planning, and it shows on the practice field as the different squads go from one drill to another. It looks like the Tigers are getting a lot done this spring; however, I guess we'll all see come next Thursday night at the Black and Gold game.

By the way, don't forget to buy a barbecue ticket from a football player, coach or cheerleader. The barbecue will be served at the high school lunchroom prior to the game, so just make a night of it and help the Elba High Athletic Department raise some much-needed funds. See ya there!

### RECREATION BOARD SETS POLICY

As you might have read on last week's front page, the Elba Recreation Board set up regulations that must be followed when a tournament is held at the city ballfields. I am on the board and made the motion to adopt the rules, so obviously I was in favor of the rules. Elba has a reputation for holding well-organized softball tournaments, and teams know they'll get a fair deal when they play here. For us to continue to be a favorite among softball teams, a strict set of rules must be enforced -- and these will be!

Another item that caused quite a stir was a discussion on whether or not Elba should host this summer's 14-15-year-old Babe Ruth baseball tournament. The tourney is held at various cities on a rotating schedule and this year it's our turn.

I'll admit to having mixed feelings about the tournament; I think if it's our turn we should host it, because our kids deserve a chance to play on their home field. However, our baseball field has been "worn out" through the years as baseball, softball and even horse shows take turns using it. Also, the backdrop is too close to homeplate, the fence is too short and the lights are bad. The bad points come close to burying the good points, don't they?

The board was just as confused as I am, and will undoubtedly hear a lot of pro's and con's prior to the next meeting. Please, let us hear your opinions before our April 11 meeting.

### BASEBALL COACHES NEEDED IN DIXIE YOUTH

The youth baseball season is just around the corner and two coaches are needed in the Dixie Youth League. The league is for boys ages 10-12, which means a coach must start from scratch and teach his players how to do everything. A coach must have plenty of free time, have a long patience and most of all -- know how to teach boys the right way to play baseball. Baseball should not only give kids a chance to practice playing -- it should also give the kids a chance to practice sportsmanship and fair play!

If you'd like to coach and can devote the time required, call the recreation department, or just let me know.

### BASS TOURNAMENT SHOULD BE FUN

The Chamber of Commerce's first annual "Bass Tournament" is coming up soon and it sounds like a lot of fun will be in store for area fishermen. The event will give local anglers a chance to fish all day in the Pea River, and give them a chance to win some big prizes. I'm not a fisherman, but I hear a lot of folks bragging about how good they can fish, and this is their chance to prove just how good they really are. We'll find out who can fish and who can talk the best!

If you haven't entered, just call down at city hall, or ask for Harry Jacobs at the Dairy Queen. They'll be glad to sign you up.

### OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH JOHNNY

I was deeply saddened to hear of Johnny Martin's tragic accident. Johnny and I have been friends for years, and I know he's a fighter and will give it all he's got to fully recover. 'C'mon Johnny, we're all pulling for you!

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Enterprise honored its "All-Time" football team last week and one name that stood out was that of Neil Henderson. I've known Neil a long time and used to watch him play football when I was a kid (sorry Neil, but I never knew he was originally from Enterprise and also an ex-football star!

I guess I should have known -- Neil's too big to be played at Elba.

## SPECIALS

**REX Golden Nugget High Protein Dog Food**

**10 Lb. Bama Cat Food \$3.50**

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## Elba Tigers Resume Spring Football Training

The Elba Tigers returned to the practice field this week after a one-week break for the AEA holidays and Coach Mack Wood reported the Tigers will continue to work

on fundamentals throughout the spring. "We plan on doing a lot of fundamental work everyday," stated Wood, "and also do a lot of hitting

on offense and defense. We'll review the early part of the week to catch up with what we've learned and then do a lot of individual work. We'll just do more of the same for much of the week, and hopefully work on passing and kicking on Thursday and Friday. We plan on holding another full-scale scrimmage Friday, so we'll know where we stand after that."

When asked about the scrimmage held on the final day before the break, Wood said, "It went okay! The scrimmage went better than expected, but we've still got a long way to go. The offensive line worked hard and did a good job of run blocking. The pass blocking broke down a few times, but it will improve with work. The backs ran hard and did a good job, and even though we had a few turnovers, we moved the ball well. Over the offense we limited the group on what they could do, but they still held their own. All things considered, we're still ahead of where we were last year, but we've got to keep working."

For rules and to register, please contact the Elba Chamber at 897-3125 or Harry Jacobs at 897-5188.

## Sports Briefs

### Bass Tourney Set For April 9 In Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first Pea River Bass Tournament, Saturday, April 9, \$500.00 in cash prizes to be awarded, along with fishing equipment and miscellaneous prizes. Registration is \$50.00 per boat or \$25.00 per person -- with registration cut off date being March 25, 1983. Hurry -- as registration is limited to the first 35 boats.

Fishing begins at 6 a.m. with weigh in at 3:30 p.m. with Red Holland officiating. A catfish supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Elba Boat Ramp with plates at \$4.00 per adult and \$2.50 for children under 12. Come swap fish stories with Red.

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### Band Boosters To Hold Men's Softball Tourney

The Zion Chapel Band Boosters will sponsor a 14-team men's softball tournament on Thursday thru Saturday, April 14-16. The entry fee will be \$60 and each team will hit its own restricted flight ball.

All "Class C and Church" teams that wish to enter should call Hubert Fuller at 897-5221, or Jerry Sheffield at 897-2096.

### Barbeque To Precede Black & Gold Game

The Elba Athletic Club and Elba High School Athletic Department will sponsor a barbeque supper on Thursday, March 31, with all proceeds going to the Elba High School Athletic Department. Plates will sell for \$3.50 each and will include barbecued Boston butt, cole slaw, rice, rolls and cake. Iced tea will also be included.

Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria and continue until 6:30 p.m. The Black and Gold game will follow at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited to come out for an enjoyable night of food and football.

All New Brockton and Kinston fans heading to the ZC football jamboree are also invited to come and eat barbeque!

For more information or to enter contact Eddie Dodd, 897-2331 or 897-3096; Robert Beasley, 897-3781 or 897-5784; or Harold Land, 897-3797.

The three winners in each

division also earn the right to compete in a combined field of 30 for one more day of fishing.

The top Bama angler at the end of the six-tourney season earns a \$1,000 award from OMC -- \$500 from Elmore Motors, \$500 from Johnson outboards. OMC also awards \$1,000 checks to the top points winners in nine other Red Man divisions.

The top 24 Bama Division fishermen also earn berths in the no-entry-fee Red Man All American Bass Championship Oct. 18-22 at a site yet to be revealed.

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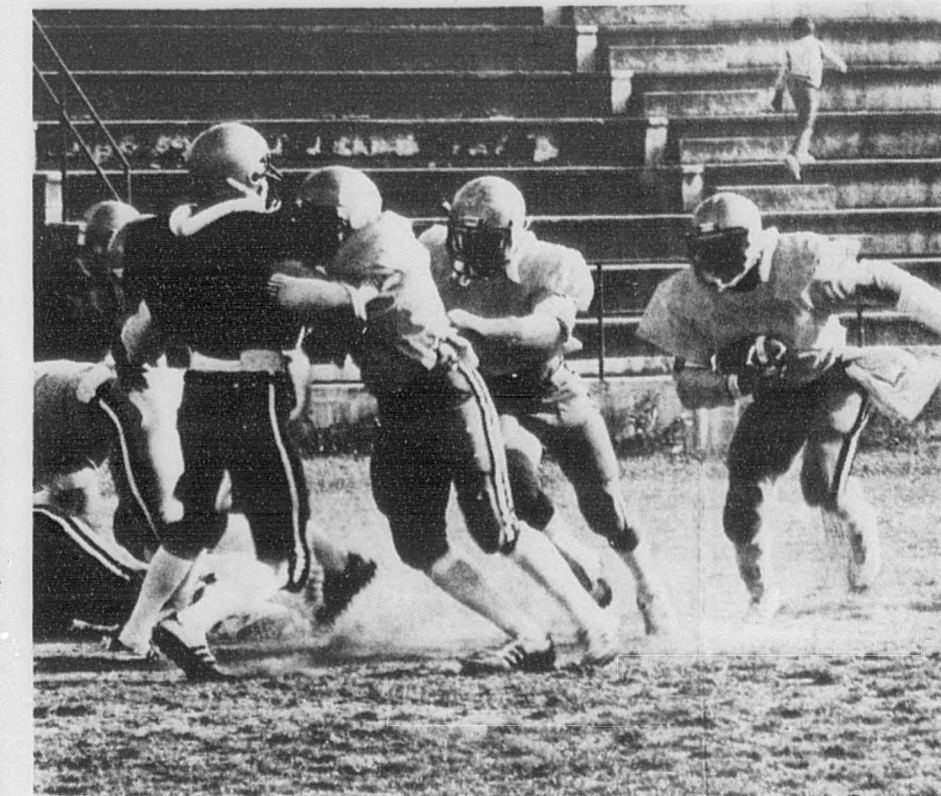
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## News From Our Early Files

TEN YEARS AGO  
MARCH 22, 1973

\*\*\*Elba Etches: Swimming pool covered with red river water after recent heavy rainfall. . . Mrs. Ringsdorf buying bunches of Clippers. . . rain.

\*\*\*Mrs. June Grantham graduated from Troy State University March 16 with a major in elementary education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jacobs and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lura Ennis and Mrs. S.J. Jacobs.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Durell Galtimore of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gwendolyn LaNell, to Elbert Wayne Akridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Akridge, also of Elba. The wedding will be May 4 in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

\*\*\*Van Johnson, Stephen Smith and Randy Sasser, members of the Elba High School FFA Chapter, who won first place in the Coffee County FFA Dairy Judging contest held recently, are pictured.

\*\*\*Elba's Miriam Wilson will tour the Southeast with the 45-voice Birmingham Southern choir on its annual spring tour March 26 - April 4.

\*\*\*Dismukes Ford: 1973 Pinto - \$49.26 per month; 1973 Maverick - \$55.94 per month; 1973 Mustang - \$68.02 per month; 1973 Torino - \$72.29 per month; 1973 Big Ford - \$81.47 per month.

\*\*\*EHS Page: Remember When: the girls couldn't wear pants; the Beatles sang "I Wanna Hold Your Hand"; Mr. King drove a school bus; our moms and dads came to visit us at school; Jimmy Morrow was a private.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
MARCH 21, 1963

\*\*\*The Frosty Morn Burying Station will observe Open House and the formal opening of their plant in Elba this Saturday, March 23. A big barbecue will be served at Noon.

\*\*\*The Senior Class of New Brockton High School will present "Smilin' Through," a romantic comedy, on March 28 and 29. The play, directed by Mrs. Bryant Steele, has the following cast: John Wilson, Winston Barefoot, Elaine Hardwick, Linda Sue Folsom, Sammy Windham, Ronnie Bass, Don Waters, Linda Roberts, Mary Smith, Ronald DeVaughan and Jim Herbert.

\*\*\*Pictured are Mary Whitman, owner of Mary's Style Shoppe, and two members of the personnel staff, Mary McCall and Alene P. English, during the Grand Opening of Mary's Style Shoppe.

\*\*\*Claire Hornsby, president of the Coffee County 4-H Council, attended the 4-H officers and county presidents meeting held at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham recently. Claire is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hornsby of

the New Hope Community where Mr. Hornsby is principal of the junior high school.

\*\*\*Through The Keyhole, with Mrs. Robert Cannon: Margaret Smith is enjoying being at home from the hospital, and her affectionate daughters surprised her with a pretty cake. . . Mildred Hudson is feeling better after her wreck. . . Congratulations are due the Harold Dyess family, who have added one fat baby boy to their family. He will be named Harold after his proud father.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
MARCH 19, 1953

\*\*\*Betty Wise was named Miss FFA of 1953 at a recent meeting of the P.T.A.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Math McCollough have returned from Umatilla, Florida, where they spent several months at their winter home. Among other things, they brought us a box of citrus fruits from their place. Many thanks. (C.B. McDowell)

\*\*\*Rev. Fred Davis, pastor of the Elba First Methodist Church, does not go in much for fishing and hunting, but he participates in many sports and has a hobby of collecting and repairing old clocks. He has set a goal of 25 to collect.

\*\*\*Miss Frankie Ruth Woodham of Troy and Lt. James Ralph Johnson were united in marriage February 4. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frank Woodham of Troy, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Arkey Johnson of Elba.

\*\*\*Kinston: Miss Melba Free, recent bride-elect, was honored with a miscellaneous shower given by the ladies of the Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Joseph Saunders Saturday afternoon. . . Mrs. W.C. Willis returned to her home Sunday after visiting in Mobile and Pensacola last week.

\*\*\*Mrs. Logan Wallace of Griffin, Georgia, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Dave Yates, and her brother, Hub Haire and Mrs. Haire. . . Capt. and Mrs. John Green and daughter Betty, son of Tampa, are visiting her mother, Mrs. H.J. Clark, this week.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
MARCH 25, 1943

\*\*\*M.J. Boutwell, Aviation Radioman Second Class, received the Navy Air Medal in a ceremony held at the U.S. Naval Air Station in San Diego. Boutwell was cited for "distinguished service and meritorious achievement in the line of his profession as a radioman and rear seat gunner of a scout bomber." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Boutwell of Elba.

\*\*\*Mr. Flournoy Whitman has purchased the Feed and Grain Mill of Mr. O.O. English, located near Smith Brothers Store in West Elba. Mr. Whitman is improving the machinery and adding a new velvet bean sheller. He already operated a peanut sheller in the building.

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MONDAY  
Beef Patties and gravy  
Creamed Potatoes  
English Peas  
Rolls  
Fruit  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Cheese and Macaroni  
Turnips w/ Fresh Pork  
Corn Bread

### Pineapple Pudding

WEDNESDAY  
Pizza  
Green Salad  
Cinnamon Rolls  
1/2 Apple  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.

Boiled Egg  
Potato Chips  
Tangerine  
Milk  
Sack Lunch

### Dennis Dean

#### Receives Promotion

Announcement of the following promotion to grade indicated was made recently by the 115th Tactical Control Squadron, Dothan's Air National Guard Unit, SRA Dennis E. Dean, Elba, Al.

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## Jury Needs Only 20 Minutes To Convict Samson Man Of Raping Elba Teenager

An Elba jury deliberated less than 20 minutes last Friday before returning a guilty verdict against a Samson man charged with first degree rape in the 1982 assault of a 15-year-old Elba girl. Don Lamar Cady, age 26, is currently serving a 15 year prison term for a previous rape conviction in Covington County. The Friday conviction will carry a minimum sentence of 15 years and a maximum sentence of life in prison, under Alabama's Habitual Offender Act. Circuit Judge Terry Butts will sentence Cady on the Elba rape on Friday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m.

The victim, now 17 years old, was one of eight people called by the prosecution on Thursday, March 24, before Assistant District Attorney Tom Head rested the state's case. Defense attorney Merrill Shirley called no witnesses to the stand. While on the witness stand, the victim pointed out Cady and stated "I'm sure that's him," when asked if the man who raped her was in the courtroom. According to reports, the victim testified that she and three friends were walking to another friend's house following an Elba High School basketball game on Jan. 19, 1982. She said she stepped in a mud puddle, getting mud on both a shoe and sock. After taking off the shoe and sock, the young girl said she placed the sock in her shoe. Upon arriving at the friend's home, where she telephoned her mother to come pick her up, the girl stated she noticed the sock had fallen out of the shoe. When she went back to look for the sock, the victim said she was approached by a man in a blue car, who got out of the car and asked her for directions. During this time, the man reportedly put his hands around her throat and warned her not to scream or she would be hurt. The victim testified she didn't want to get hurt or killed, so she didn't fight. She said she passed out during the assault and when she came to the man was on top of her. Former Elba Police Officer Randall Paul told the court he was on patrol the night in question and took down the tag number of a blue car in the same area where the alleged rape took place. He also testified that the victim picked out the alleged assailant out of six people in a line-up on Feb. 19, 1982, and added that the victim had identified Cady out of a photo line-up on the day following the assault.

## County Commission To Subsidize Garbage Contractor

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 28, at the Courthouse in Elba and voted to pay a \$1,000 per month subsidy to R & R Solid Waste for a period of six months to pick-up household garbage in the rural sections of the county. The county's continual garbage problems were discussed at the previous meeting on March 14, and the county commission instructed Probate Judge Marion Brunson to find the answer to two questions (1) Can the illegal garbage pick-up in the county be stopped, and (2) Can the commission legally subsidize the present garbage contractor?

"I have discussed the questions with the county attorney," said Judge Brunson, at Monday's meeting, "and we can stop the illegal pick-up and we can also give a subsidy to the garbage contractor."

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people who own the 24,500 acres of woodland in Coffee County should be willing to pay for protection. The 10 cents per acre tax would be matched by the government, bringing the total up to 26 cents per acre. The additional funding would enable the county to add a forest ranger, which would make protection even better."

Forestry Officer Wayne Roberts said, "In 1972 we had 287,000 acres to protect in this county, a big job. It is only legal to tax woodlands, but it will help us tremendously."

The commission passed a resolution requesting Rep. Jimmy Holey take the proper procedures needed to pass a 10 cents per acre tax on woodlands, with a five acre minimum on taxable acreage. Bids were opened on material needed by the county highway dept., with two bids received on two different types of paving material. Bids on liquid asphalt were received from Chevron and Warrior Sales and Distributors, with Chevron getting the contract, while S & C Materials got the contract on pavement over Couch Inc.

A "pow wow" will be held at the Farm Center in New Brockton on June 11, if representatives of the Lower Creek Indian tribe meet requirements for use of the facility. The tribe will hold ceremonial events and have an arts and crafts fair during the event. The requirements include a cleaning deposit and liability insurance.

Commission Clerk Bruneau Winston told the commission the county's gasoline fund "was in trouble," again, and that \$29,000 was needed to meet the payroll and monthly payments on equipment. The commission voted to borrow the money.

County Health Officer Kenneth Ball reported his dept. had received an additional \$20,000 for weatherization of homes. An initial \$20,000 was received in October, 1982, which was used to weatherize 26 homes, and an additional \$20,000 grant received in December, 1982, was used to weatherize 28 homes.

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## \$1,023,644 Bid Accepted For Work On By-Pass

Three construction projects in Coffee County were among 32 highway construction and maintenance projects for which contractors offered more than \$31.1 million in apparent low bids opened by the State of Alabama Highway Dept. on Friday, March 25, in Montgomery.

Contracts for the projects are to be formally awarded within 30 days pending analysis and verification of all bids received. Actual work on the projects is expected to begin in approximately six to eight weeks.

Included in the projects in Coffee County is the grading and drainage of 2.278 miles on the Elba By-Pass. The apparent low bidder on the project, with a bid of \$1,023,644.70, was DuBose Construction Corp., Inc., of Mt. Meigs, Alabama. The company was one of seven bidders on the project.

Other county projects included adding an additional two-lanes on a portion of the Enterprise By-Pass and widening and resurfacing a portion of Alabama Highway 134.

The Enterprise By-Pass project involves the construction of two additional lanes from Alabama Highway 27 from Emola north to the Coffee County line, in Geneva County.

and, Southern Bridge, Inc., of Mt. Meigs, with a bid of \$823,551 for the construction of 471 mile bridge and approaches at Flat Creek on Alabama 54 north of Hacoia, in Geneva County.

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## Luverne Woman Injured In Accident On Hwy. 189

A Luverne woman sustained only minor injuries last week in a one-vehicle accident on Highway 189 North, two and one-half miles from Elba.

According to State Trooper Ronnie Whitworth, Debra Sharpe Stutes - age 23, of Luverne, lost control of the 1982 Mercury she was driving and the car went off the roadway and turned over. Stutes received only minor injuries, while damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000.

The accident occurred on Wednesday, March 23, at approximately 9:00 p.m.

The bi-monthly meeting began at 9:00 a.m., and the first order of business was to discuss the bonding of employees. All department heads will be bonded for \$100,000, with other employees handling money to be bonded for \$25,000. The county attorney stated all the departments had been bonded except the Sheriff's Dept., which will be bonded as soon as a list is compiled of employees.

The controversial forestry tax was again discussed this time a delegation was present to lobby for its passage. "I'd like to suggest the 10 cent per acre tax be levied," stated Mr. Ned Folmar, representing the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee. "The

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PROBATE JUDGE Marion Brunson discusses weatherization program with County Health Officer Kenneth Ball. Coffee County received an additional \$20,000 grant to aid county residents.



## Sheriff Paul Supports Early Release Of Inmates

Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul, the incoming president of the Alabama Sheriff's Association, was among several Alabama sheriffs who met in Montgomery last week to voice support for the mass release of short term, minimum security convicts from county jails.

The sheriffs endorsed the release of inmates thru a restitution plan announced by State Prison Commissioner Fred Smith.

In the plan, Smith, minimum security inmates now housed in county jails. The inmates will get jobs, and if they can, pay restitution to the state or their victims. Those unable to find jobs will be expected to work free for city or county governments.

"We want to see the program work," said Sheriff Paul, "We're willing to try something faced with the alternatives, which are continued overcrowding in county jails and ever-increasing costs for housing inmates. The commissioner is making an attempt to handle a problem that wasn't created overnight."

While Sheriff Paul admitted many of the freed inmates may not be able to find jobs and may end up doing public service work, he declared, "We could easily have the cleanest graveyards in the United States before this is over."

Comm. Smith announced the mass release program in early March as a means of relieving the backlog of 1,500 state inmates housed in overcrowded county jails. Much of the backlog will be eliminated on June 1 when a new 1,000-man prison opens in St. Clair County, with the remaining 450-600 inmates scheduled to enter the new program by July 1.